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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI AUGUST 4 ON OTHER SUBJECTS, I REFERRED TO FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS AND ASKED WHETHER IRAN WAS FOLLOWING PREPARATIONS FOR THIS MEETING.

2. KHALATBARI SAID CONFERENCE WAS OF COURSE OF INTEREST TO IRAN AND IN FACT IRAN HAD BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE WITH INVITATION EXTENDED TO SHAH TO ATTEND CHIEF OF STATE MEETINGS. (KHALATBARI HINTED THAT INVITATION HAD COME FROM INDIA.) HOWEVER, KHALATBARI SAID GOI HAD VERY CLEARLY INFORMED CONFERENCE SPONSORS THAT IRAN HAD NO BUSINESS THERE AS IT ALIGNED COUNTRY AND HAD NO INTENTION OF ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH SUCH A GATHERING.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF FLEXIBILITY WHICH IRAN'S QTE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY UNQTE PROVIDES. IN LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS IRAN HAS ATTEMPTED ESTABLISH OR IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH MANY OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND ASIA, AND ONE MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT IRAN

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WOULD FIND IT IN ITS INTERESTS AND CONSISTENT WITH

THESE EFFORTS TO SEEK GREATER RECOGNITION INTERNATIONALLY
BY MOVING CLOSER TO MEETINGS SUCH AS ALGIERS CONFERENCE.
HOWEVER, IRAN ALSO VALUES ITS ALIGNED STATUS AND ITS
RELATIONS WITH WEST AND PARTICULARLY U S AND CAN OPT
OUT OF ALGIERS MEETING WITHOUT UNDERMINING ITS IMPROVING
RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD.
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